Demand of separate States for Udyachal and Jharkhand before U.N.O.

2814. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation appeared before a UNO Working Group in Geneva last August with a demand for separate States for Udyachal and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, who were its members and what demands were placed by the delegation before the UNO Working Group;

(c) whether Government consider it proper to put such demands before international bodies; and

(d) what steps Government contemplate to redress the grievances of these people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) A delegation sponsored by a London based non-governmental organization—The Anti-Slavery Society—had attended the meeting of the Working Group on Indigenous Population in August 1987. The delegation consisted of :

(i) Mr. Samar Brahma Choudhry, M.P.
(ii) Bishop Dr. Nirmal Mnz
(iii) Mr. Sharad Kulkarni
(iv) Dr. Ram Dayal Munda
(v) Professor A.K. Kisku

In speeches made to the Working Group the delegation sought to highlight the problems faced by tribals in India in different fields and also referred to demands for the creation of separate Jharkhand and Udyachal States.

(c) Government regret that prominent Indian nationals should agitate domestic issues in international fora.

(d) Government's policies for the upliftment of tribals in all parts of the country are well known. The areas described as Udyachal and Jharkhand have substantial tribal populations and are covered under the Tribal sub plan. Different sectoral programmes under this plan are being implemented by State Governments. The Government of India reviews such programmes in the annual Tribal sub-plan with the State Governments concerned.

Purchase of AWACS by Pakistan

2815. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the efforts being made by Pakistan Foreign Minister who visited Washington for purchases of three AWACS from U.S.; if so, what steps Government have taken in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : Government are aware of Pakistan's efforts to acquire an Airborne Early Warning System (AWACS) from the United States.

On several occassions, Government have conveyed to the United States Government our serious concern at the supply of sophisticated arms to Pakistan and in particular those which act as force multipliers